

Progress Report presentation, AC meeting 12/13

What is the Progress Report?

Stand-alone report, comes out on the counter cycle, midway through the Water Plan Update, to check on the progress of the previous Water Plan Update and inform the next set of recommendations.

What did we do?

Chose to monitor the progress of the Implementation Plan, which is Chapter 7 of Volume 1. The Implementation Plan has 13 Objectives and 115 Related Actions. We created a spreadsheet for each Objective, putting each Related Action in a row. We asked the relevant caucuses to fill those out. When the Caucuses balked, we asked DWR staff (or staff from an appropriate agency) to fill them out. When we got them back, they looked like this (point to displays).

This data has limitations. It is the best professional knowledge of a few people in Sacramento, not a measured survey of state conditions. Some of the Related Actions would be very hard to measure, since they are broad or visionary. Some of the Related Actions refer to actions by vague actors (districts, Cities, Tribes) at a local or regional level. With those caveats, we presented the data at two public meetings (at the Plenary and a workshop in November). We had people give us valuable additions to the data, and comments on how to present it in a "Progress Report".

What is on the spreadsheets?

The first half of the columns are standardized for every Related Action. If a program is new, we asked where in the process it is (authorized, initiated, all the way to completed). If a program exists, we asked for the status of progress (poor, fair, good, excellent, unreportable). We asked what the overall trend for the state was and restricted the answers as well (no progress, slow progress, medium and fast progress). Those columns we can manipulate to come up with a metric.

In the second half of the columns, we asked for a narrative description. We asked for a description of activities in the state, and the barriers and constraints to implementing that Related Action. We asked for recommendations for bringing the action forward (or dropping or changing it) in Water Plan Update 2013. We also asked, if the Objectives and Related Actions are going to become more measurable, what performance metrics are appropriate?

How we combined the data into two metrics:

(Open the spreadsheet) We counted the results. If there were more 'slow progress' than fast progress, we said progress **Requires Attention**. If there were more 'fast progress' than 'slow progress', then progress is **Good**. We thought this metric matches the precision of the data.

What will go into the Progress Report:

(Open the sample summary reports) These are a synthesis of the spreadsheets. The metric comes from the standardized columns; the text comes from narrative columns. Each Objective will get its own summary. The full spreadsheets will be provided in an appendix.

Next Steps:

Have one week to correct and give more data on the spreadsheets themselves.

The format is based on two workshops, if you have additional feedback on what would be useful in a Progress Report, we would like to hear that in the next week.

Published January 31, after that, we'll use this information to refine, revise the Implementation Plan (Vol. 1). We will consult with stakeholders on writing the next round of recommendations.